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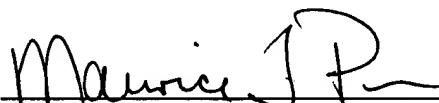
Claims 10-15, 24, 33-34, 41-42, and 51-52 are now pending. Applicant has cancelled claims 1-9, 16-23, 25-32, 35-40, and 43-50. Applicant has amended claims 10-15, 24, 33-34, 41-42, and 51-52.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 10-12, 24, 33-34, 41-42, and 51-52 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has done so. In addition, claims 13-15 now depend from allowable claim 12.

Based upon these amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and its early allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-8548.

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